

# Office of National Drug Control Policy

## Drug Policy Information Clearinghouse

### San Juan, Puerto Rico

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#### Profile of Drug Indicators

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## **San Juan, Puerto Rico**

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking, and enforcement statistics.

### **Demographics<sup>1</sup>**

- Population (2000 Census): 421,958
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 1.4% white; 0.3% black/African American; 0.0% American Indian/Alaska Native; 0.2% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.0% some other race; 0.1% two or more races; 98.0% Hispanic/Latino

### **Politics**

- Mayor: Jorge A. Santini Padilla<sup>2</sup>
- Police Superintendent: Miguel A Pereira<sup>3</sup>
- Department of Correction Director: Vitor M Rivera González<sup>4</sup>
- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Director: Jose M. Alvarez<sup>5</sup>

### **Programs/Initiatives**

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)<sup>6</sup>  
The Puerto Rico/U.S. Virgin Islands HIDTA, designated in 1994, is the closest point of entry into the United States for Latin American drug traffickers and therefore is a major transshipment point for illegal drugs. This HIDTA consists of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands and includes the islands of Puerto Rico, Vieques, Culebra, St. Thomas, St. Croix, and St. John.

### **Federal Funding**

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program grantees in San Juan, awarded funding from ONDCP in conjunction with the office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP):<sup>7</sup>
  - FY 2002: No grantees.
  - FY 2001: No grantees.
  - FY 2000: No grantees.
  - FY 1999: \$100,000 awarded to the Mental Health and Anti-Addiction Services Administration.
  - FY 1998: No grantees.
- FY 2002 Drug Courts Grant Program recipients in San Juan:<sup>8</sup>
  - \$6,075 awarded to the Puerto Rico Department of Justice, Drug Court Program Office.
- FY 2001 Drug Courts Grant Program recipients in San Juan:<sup>9</sup>
  - \$283,124 awarded to the Puerto Rico Department of Justice.
- FY 2001 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Discretionary Funds received in San Juan:<sup>10</sup>
  - Center for Mental Health Services:
    - \$50,000 to the Mental Health and Anti-Addiction Services Administration (MHAASA) for the period of September 30, 2001 to September 29, 2004.

- Center for Substance Abuse Prevention:
  - \$3,020,000 to the Office of the Governor for the period of September 30, 2001 to September 29, 2004.
- Center for Substance abuse Treatment:
  - \$998,406 to the Municipal Government of San Juan for the period of September 30, 2000 to September 29, 2003.
- FY 2001 Office of Justice Programs and Office of Community Oriented Policing Services grants:<sup>11</sup>
  - \$209,266 to the Inter American University of Puerto Rico for the JUMP program;
  - \$25,000 to the Aspira Inc. of Puerto Rico for the Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws program;
  - \$616,000 to the Puerto Rico Office of Youth Affairs for the FY 2001 Title V Grant Award program;
  - \$3,865,000 to the Puerto Rico Office of Youth Affairs for the FY 2001 JAIBG Program award;
  - \$127,000 to the Puerto Rico Office of Youth Affairs for the FY 2001 Challenge Grants Program;
  - \$1,082,000 to the Puerto Rico Office of Youth Affairs for the FY 2001 Formula Grant Award Program;
  - \$96,296 to the Coordinator for Peace for Women for the Grants to State Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalition Program;
  - \$1,882,544 to the Puerto Rico Department of Correction and Rehabilitation for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program;
  - \$4,695,061 to the Puerto Rico Department of Justice for the Local Law Enforcement Block Grants Program;
  - \$666,228 to the Puerto Rico Department of Justice for the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program;
  - \$5,187,000 to the Puerto Rico Department of Justice for the Crime Victims Assistance Grant Program;
  - \$6,000 to the Puerto Rico Department of Justice for the Crime Victims Compensation Grant Program.

### **Enforcement**

- Puerto Rico/U.S. Virgin Islands HITDA initiative found in San Juan:<sup>12</sup>
  - San Juan Major Operation Investigations: Members of this initiative conduct long-range investigations to dismantle drug trafficking organizations in the northwest area of Puerto Rico.

### **Crime and Drug-Related Crime**

- During FY 2001, there were 35,406 property crimes known to police in the San Juan-Bayamon Metropolitan Statistical area (MSA).<sup>13</sup>

## Number of Index Offenses Known to Police, San Juan-Bayamon MSA, 2001

Offense	2001
Crime index total	42,988
Violent crimes	7,582
Property crimes	35,406
Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	513
Forcible rape	122
Robbery	5,606
Aggravated assault	1,341
Burglary	10,584
Larceny-theft	15,448
Motor vehicle theft	9,374

### Trafficking and Seizures

- In March of 2002, the DEA dismantled a heroin and cocaine trafficking organization operating in the San Juan metro area. This organization distributed cocaine at a price of \$15,000 to \$18,000 per kilogram and heroin at a price range of \$9,000 to \$10,000 per one-eighth-kilogram.<sup>14</sup>

### Courts<sup>15</sup>

- As of January 2003, there was 1 drug court in San Juan that had been operating for over 2 years. No additional drug courts were in existence or being planned in San Juan.

### Sources

<sup>1</sup> U.S. Census Bureau Web site: <http://www.census.gov>

<sup>2</sup> San Juan Legislature Web site: <http://home.coqui.net/jperez/>

<sup>3</sup> Puerto Rico Police Department Web site: <http://www.policia.pr.com/>

<sup>4</sup> La Fortaleza, Estado Libre Asociado De Puerto Rico (Common Wealth Of Puerto Rico) Web site: <http://www.fortaleza.gobierno.pr/>

<sup>5</sup> Office of National Drug Control Policy Web site, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Points of Contact: <http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/hidta/contact.html>

<sup>6</sup> Office of National Drug Control Policy Web site: <http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov>

<sup>7</sup> Drug-Free Communities Web site, Puerto Rico section: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/dfcs/states/pr.html>

<sup>8</sup> Office of Justice Programs Drug Courts Grant Program FY 2002:

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/DrugCourts/02DCgrants.htm>

<sup>9</sup> Office of Justice Programs Drug Courts Grant Program FY 2001:

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/pressreleases/2001/01307.html>

<sup>10</sup> Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Formula and Discretionary Grant Allotment Summary: <http://www.samhsa.gov/funding/content/states01/State.htm>

<sup>11</sup> Office of Justice Programs and Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Grants, Puerto Rico section: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fy2001grants/map/pr.htm>

<sup>12</sup> Office of National Drug Control Policy, Puerto Rico High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Web site: [http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/hidta/frames\\_pr.html](http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/hidta/frames_pr.html)

<sup>13</sup> Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Crime in the United States 2001*, October 2002:

[http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius\\_01/01crime2.pdf](http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius_01/01crime2.pdf)

<sup>14</sup> Drug Enforcement Administration, "DEA Dismantles Heroin and Cocaine Trafficking Organization Operating in the San Juan Metro Area," March 26, 2002:

<http://www.usdoj.gov/dea/pubs/pressrel/pr032602.html>

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<sup>15</sup> Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Clearinghouse and Technical Assistance Project, Summary of Drug Court Activity by State and County, January 8, 2003.

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